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THERE'S A RUMOR GOING AROUND SAYING THAT A WAR WILL BREAK OUT ABOVE THE SEA OF WINDS
WOOSH
CRACKLE
CRACKLE

CLANK
THEY SAY PEOPLE AND MERCHANTS ARE FLOCKING TO THE SMALL BEACH-SIDE CITIES...
THANKS TO THAT, ARIOSA AND LUMAN WILL GET FREE TRADE ROUTES ACROSS THE SEA...
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
A WAR, YOU SAY...
THE SO-CALLED INLANDS ARE ALL DESERT WASTELANDS LIKE THIS ONE
NOT EVEN BARAKET WANTS THEM
EITHER WAY I WISH THERE WERE SOME JOBS... OH?
WELCOME, COME TAKE A SEAT BY THE FIRE
SO YOU'VE FINALLY COME?

HERE, DRINK SOME TEA
I DON'T WANT IT
YOU SHOULD STILL DRINK IT. IT'S BEST TO DRINK SOMETHING WARM,
SIP
SINCE IT'LL BE COLDER AT DAWN.
THAT'S RIGHT
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
...I THOUGHT HE WAS SOME TYPE OF ANIMAL AT FIRST.....
SO YOU THOUGHT SO TOO, HUH?

A SHROUD OF BLACK JUST APPEARED OUT OF NOWHERE
HE WASN'T A ROBBER, SINCE ROBBERS DON'T TRAVEL ALONE. SO I WAS LEFT WONDERING WHAT HE COULD BE

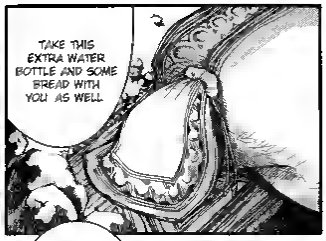
HE CAME ALL THE WAY HERE
AND ASKED, ALL OF A SUDDEN

WHICH WAY TO SPEIRA?

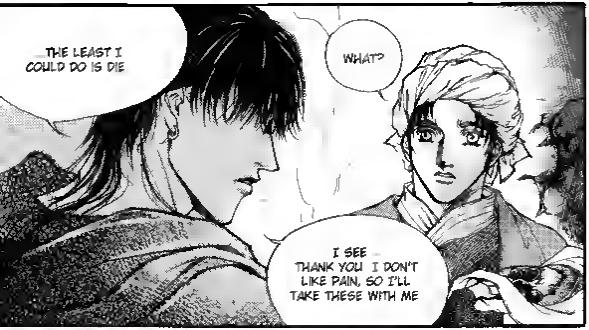
GOOD THING I REALIZED YOU WERE SPEAKING THE TERRAGARD LANGUAGE.
Ha-
EVEN SO I WAS WONDERING WHAT A NORMAL-LOOKING MAN WAS DOING, WANDERING AROUND ALONE
IT WAS QUITE STRANGE...
CRACKLE
ANYWAY, WHAT WERE YOU DOING OVER THERE?
...I WAS LOOKING AT THE STAIRS.
THE STAIRS?
WERE YOU TRYING TO USE THE STAIRS AS NAVIGATION?
THAT PLACE YOU WERE ASKING ABOUT... SPEIRA, I THINK IT WAS...
SPEIRA? HOLD ON. COR... WHAT WAS IT AGAIN?
...CORKA?
RIGHT. CORKA. THAT TRIBE!
IN CORKA, THERE WAS A PARTICULAR EVENT IN WHICH THE KING'S DAUGHTER BROKE THE ALLIANCE AND QUEEN IN PLACE OF HER FATHER
I'VE HEARD OF THAT. I HEARD THAT A GREAT MAGICIAN TOOK HER SIDE
ELIHUE OF SIVILLA.
THE ELDER MAGICIAN WHO SAVED THE LAND TO THE WEST WHEN A FLOATING CITY CRASHED...

THEN WHERE THE HECK IS SPEIRA?
#ISS...
THERE'S A LEGEND THAT SAYS THAT IF YOU GO
TO THE POINT WHERE THE SUN RISES YOU'LL BE ABLE TO REACH PERA, THE ANCIENT CITY OF WARRIORS.
IN ANY CASE THE OASIS SUIKE* OF ELIMNEL SHOULD HAVE LOTS OF PEOPLE.
SO SOMEONE WILL KNOW THE DIRECTIONS
*SUIKE = MARKETPLACE
WAIT. I THOUGHT THAT HAPPENED IN ISPEIDA?
WAS IT...?
It's kinda similar.
It's not similar at all!!
...THAT'S ALL RIGHT. I THINK I CAN FIND MY WAY NOW.

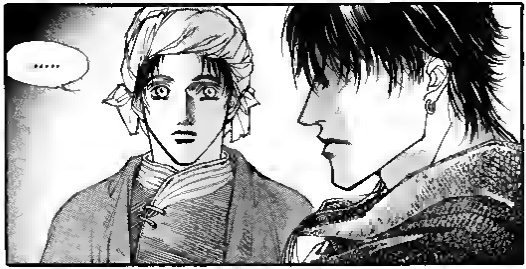
WELL TAKE THIS BLANKET SINCE YOU'RE NOT GOING TO ELIMNEL WITH US


TAKE THIS EXTRA WATER BOTTLE AND SOME BREAD WITH YOU AS WELL

IF YOU TRY TO WANDER AROUND THE SIRADONEL WILDERNESS WITHOUT WATER, YOU'LL DIE


THE LEAST I COULD DO IS DIE
WHAT?
I SEE THANK YOU I DON'T LIKE PAIN, SO I'LL TAKE THESE WITH ME

WHY ARE YOU GOING TO SPEIRA?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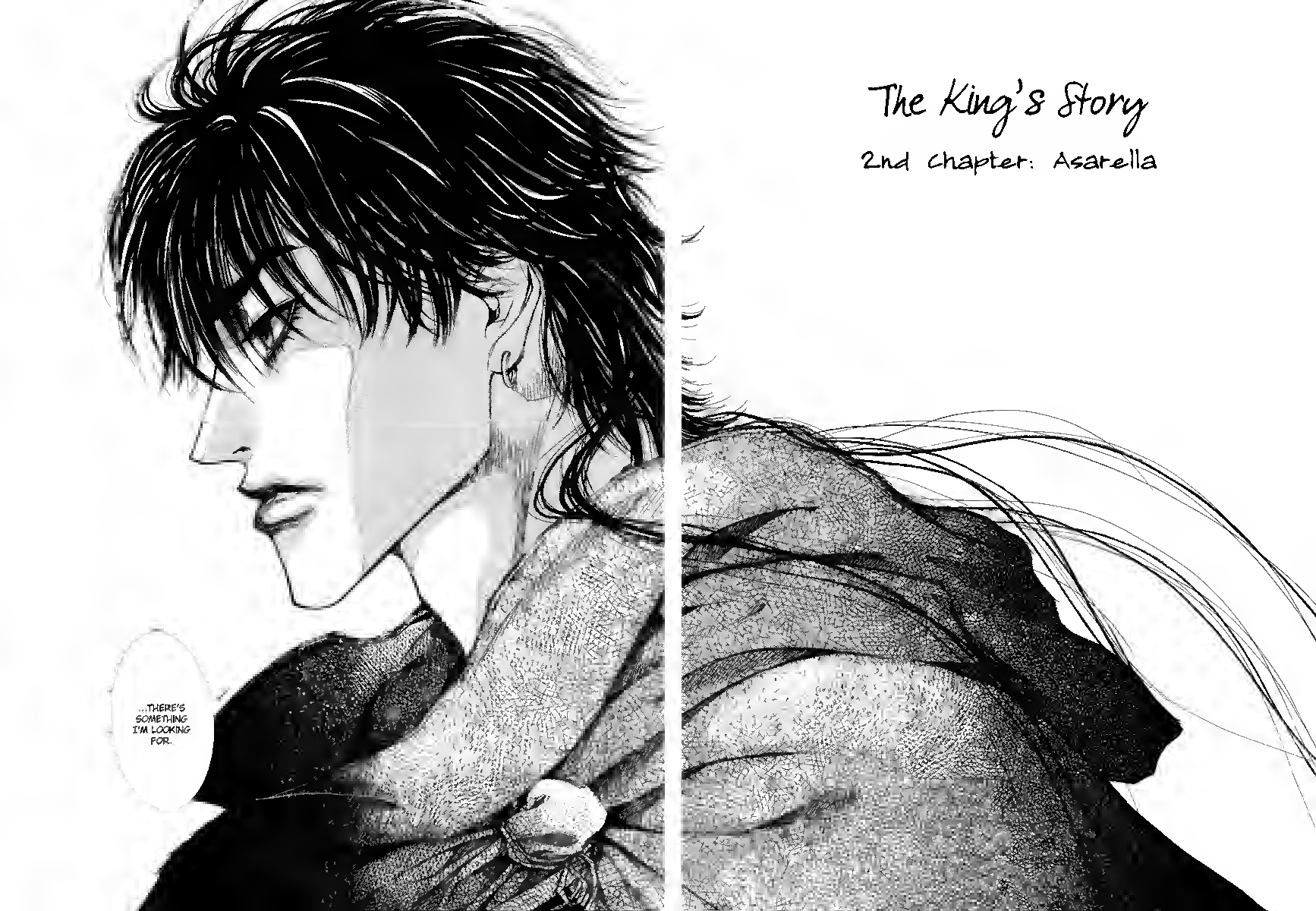

The King's Story

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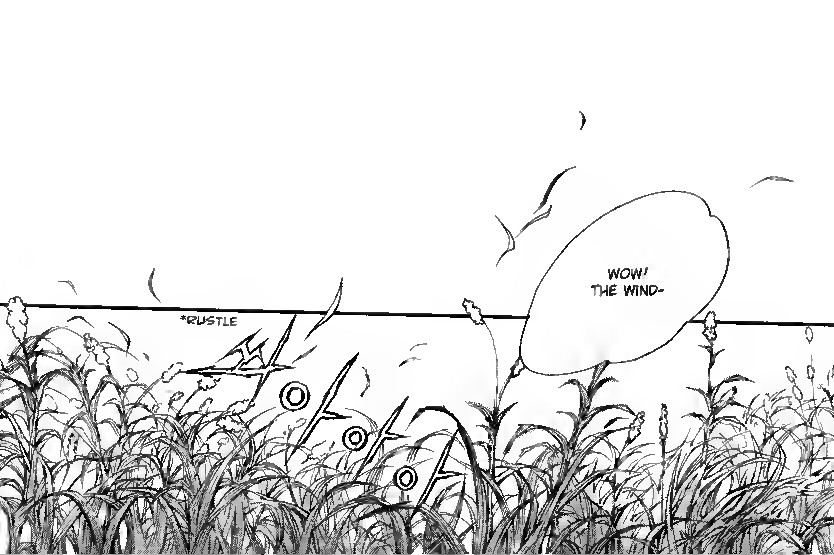
THE WORLD I KNEW ENDED

AND

A NEW WORLD BEGAN

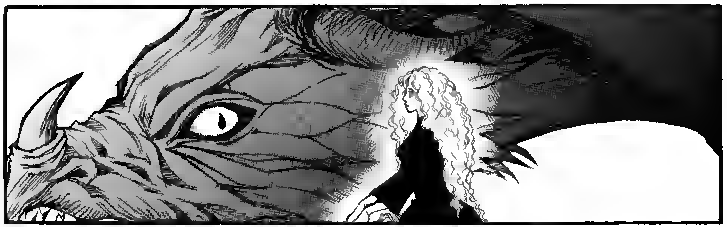


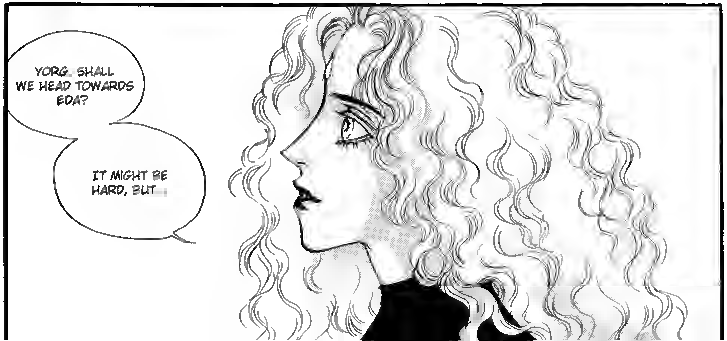
THREE MONTHS HAVE PASSED SINCE THE CHOSEN CITY OF EDA FELL TO THE GROUNDS
BUT THE WORLD HAS NOT CHANGED
AND NOW, I'M STEPPING INTO THIS WORLD
WHY IS THERE A PATH IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?
WHOOSH
OH.

WHOOOSH
Yorg!

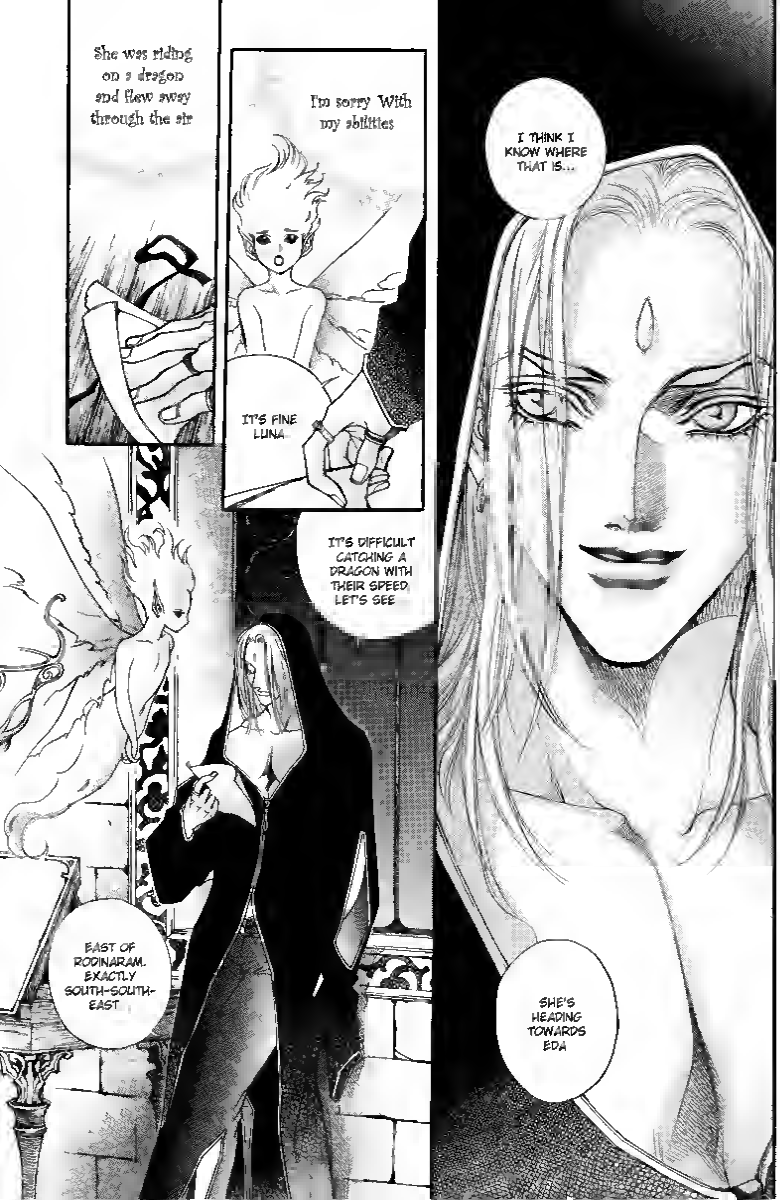
WAIT FOR ME!

GOOD.
I BOUGHT FOOD FROM RODINARAM
NOW THEN...

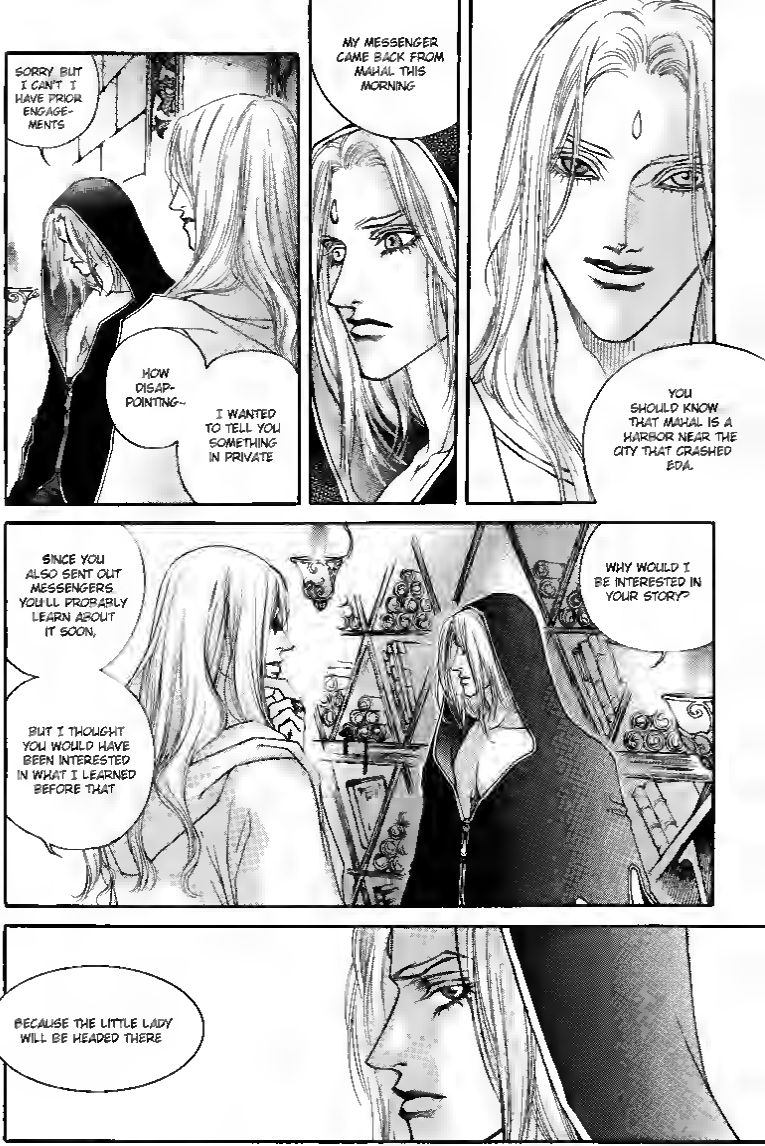



YORG. SHALL WE HEAD TOWARDS EDA?
IT MIGHT BE HARD, BUT...

LET'S DO OUR BEST TO GET THERE!
EASTWARD PAST RODINARAM
SO YOU COULDN'T CONTINUE FOLLOWING HER AFTER THAT.

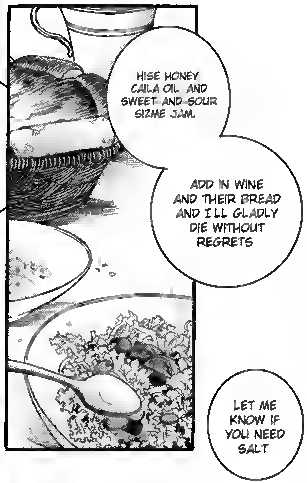

She was riding on a dragon and flew away through the air
I'm sorry With my abilities
IT'S FINE LUNA
IT'S DIFFICULT CATCHING A DRAGON WITH THEIR SPEED LET'S SEE
I THINK I KNOW WHERE THAT IS...
EAST OF RODINARAM. EXACTLY SOUTH-SOUTH-EAST
SHE'S HEADING TOWARDS EDA

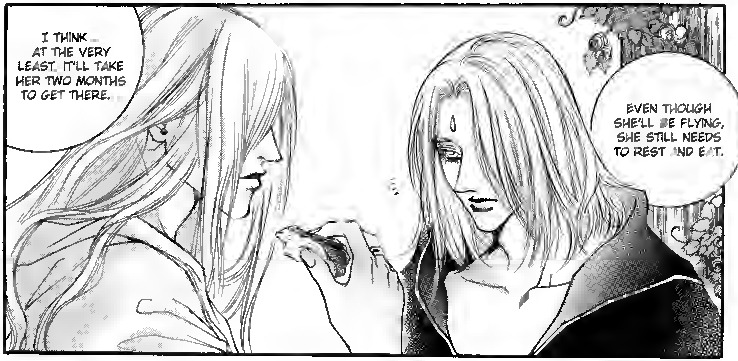
THANK YOU VERY MUCH, LUNA.
Then I'll be going.
KNOCK KNOCK
SEEMS LIKE THE TEMOLIAN GUEST HAS LEFT.
BEFORE THE MEETING, WHY DON'T WE HAVE LUNCH TOGETHER?

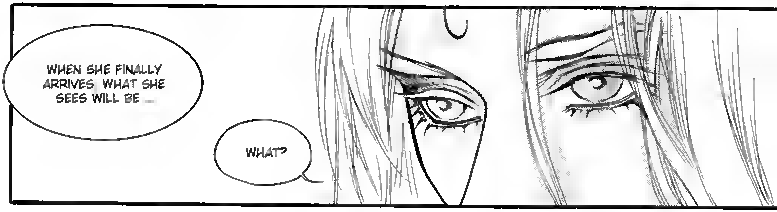

SORRY BUT I CAN'T I HAVE PRIOR ENGAGE-MENTS
HOW DISAP-POINTING~
I WANTED TO TELL YOU SOMETHING IN PRIVATE
MY MESSENGER CAME BACK FROM MAHAL THIS MORNING
YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT MAHAL IS A HARBOR NEAR THE CITY THAT CRASHED EDA.
SINCE YOU ALSO SENT OUT MESSENGERS YOU'LL PROBABLY LEARN ABOUT IT SOON,
BUT I THOUGHT YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN INTERESTED IN WHAT I LEARNED BEFORE THAT
WHY WOULD I BE INTERESTED IN YOUR STORY?
BECAUSE THE LITTLE LADY WILL BE HEADED THERE

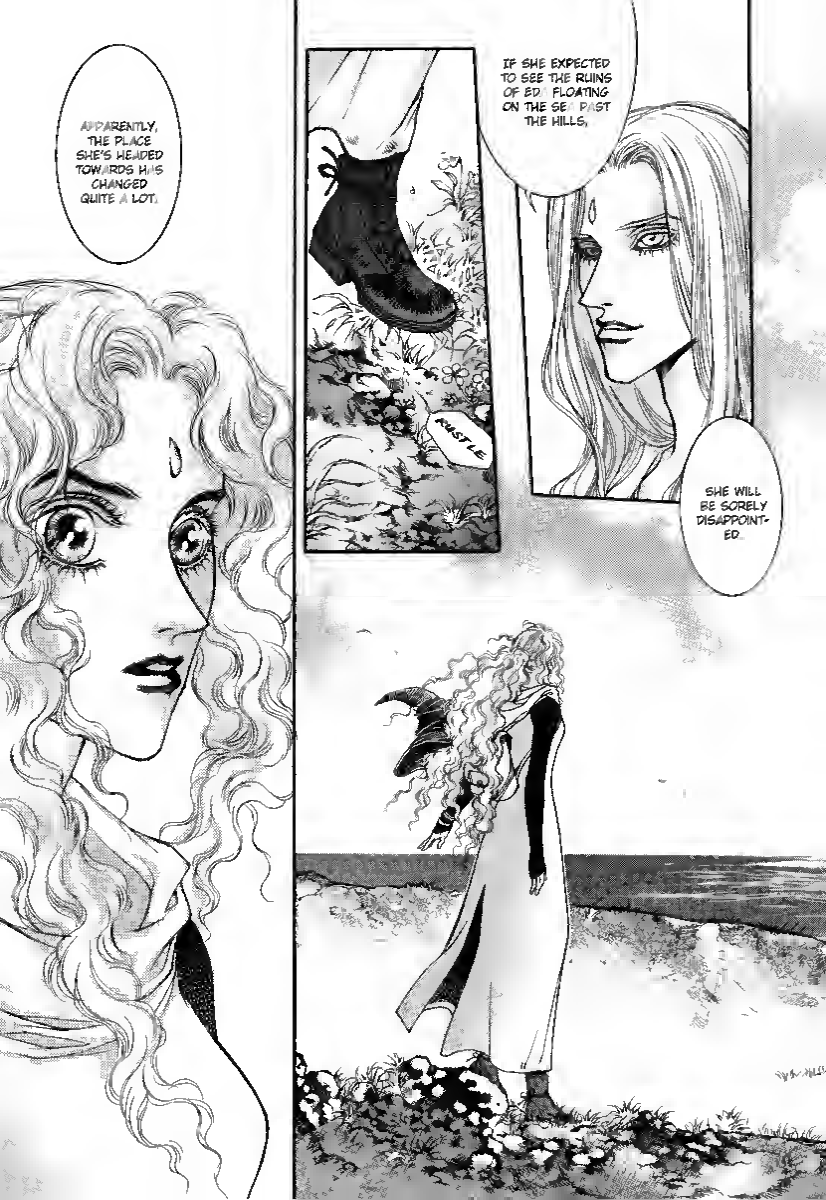
YOUR LITTLE LADY
WAS TRAVELING TO EDA TO LOOK FOR HIS SCENT, JUST IN CASE ...
THAT'S TO BE EXPECTED OF HER.
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
Smile
MY- YOU ALWAYS THINK I'M SO CROOKED
WHAT I SAY IS ONLY BECAUSE OF MY CONCERN FOR YOU
I SUPPOSE A LIGHT LUNCH AND WALK BEFORE THE MEETING DOESN'T SOUND TOO BAD

IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE BEEN HERE
THEIR BREAD IS THE BEST.


HISE HONEY CAILA OIL AND SWEET AND SOUR SIZME JAM.
ADD IN WINE AND THEIR BREAD AND I'LL GLADLY DIE WITHOUT REGRETS
LET ME KNOW IF YOU NEED SALT


I THINK ... AT THE VERY LEAST, IT'LL TAKE HER TWO MONTHS TO GET THERE.
EVEN THOUGH SHE'LL BE FLYING, SHE STILL NEEDS TO REST AND EAT.


WHEN SHE FINALLY ARRIVES, WHAT SHE SEES WILL BE ...
WHAT?


APPARENTLY, THE PLACE SHE'S HEADED TOWARDS HAS CHANGED QUITE A LOT.
RUSTLE
IF SHE EXPECTED TO SEE THE RUINS OF ED FLOATING ON THE SEA PAST THE HILLS,
SHE WILL BE SORELY DISAPPOINTED.

BECAUSE
NOTHING IS
THERE.

WHOOOSH
WHOOOSH
I FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE THIS IS THE SAME PLACE I LEFT, JUST A FEW MONTHS AGO
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
THIS IS THE PLACE WHERE THE FLOATING CITY OF EDA CRASHED
ON THE SANDY SHORES OF THE THEN-EMPTY BEACHES, GREEN GRASS STARTED GROWING RAPIDLY
AS FOR THE HILLS PAST THE OCEAN, TREES HAVE SPROUTED EVERYWHERE

I BELIEVE IT'S BECAUSE THE MILLIONS OF PEOPLE OF EDA SANG THE HYMN OF RESTORATION.
YORG, YOU HAVEN'T CONFUSED THE DIRECTIONS, HAVE YOU?
GROWL?
WHOOSH
THE WIND IS COLD

I DON'T KNOW WHEN IT STARTED BUT I CAN NO LONGER SLEEP
WHEN I CLOSE MY EYES, I SEE...
CRACKLE
CRACKLE

WHOOSH
WHOOOSH
SOMEONE IS
COMING TOWARDS ME

WHOOSH
WHO?
I DOUBTED IT, BUT TRULY...

IT'S YOU, LITTLE LADY.
OOOOWW
HOW DID YOU FIND ME?
I SEALED THIS PLACE
WHOOSH
IT'S EASY FOR ME TO SEE WHO COMES AND GOES
WHOOSH

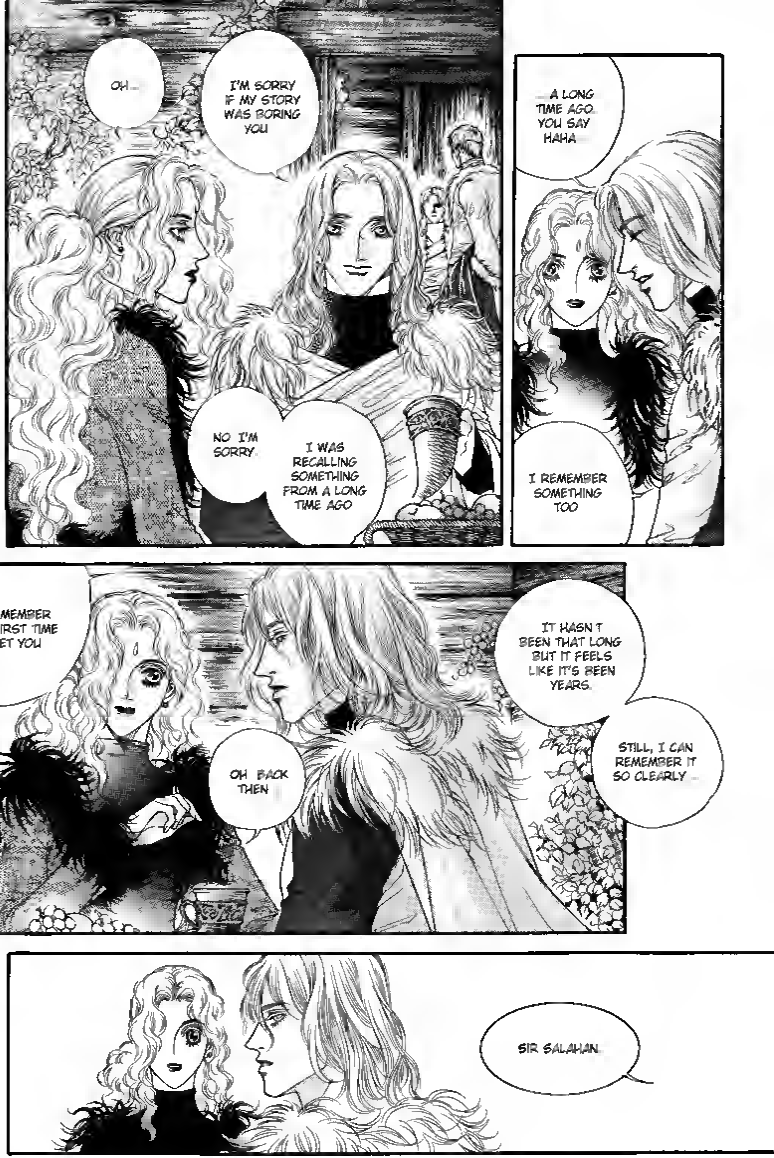
WHY DID YOU COME HERE?
WELL, THERE WERE THREE OF US, NOT JUST ME
YOU SEALED IT?
...YOU PROBABLY HAVE A LOT OF QUESTIONS.
SIT, LITTLE LADY. WE HAVEN'T TALKED IN A WHILE..
Snore
Snore
CRACKLE

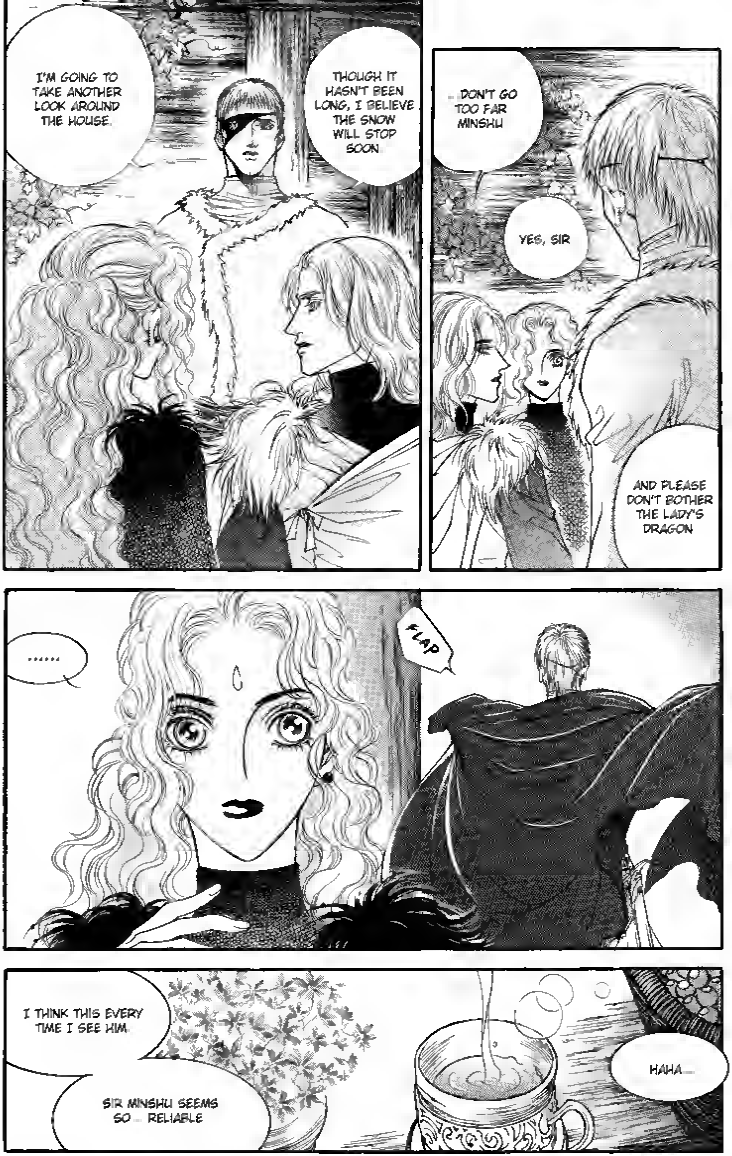
AFTERWARDS, EVERYONE LEFT THIS LAND...
CRACKLE
EVERYONE EXCEPT ME
YOU? WHY...
I NEED TO WATCH THIS PLACE FOR A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF TIME
IS... HE ALIVE?
IS HE ALIVE RIGHT NOW?
...NO
HE'S DEAD

I WOULD DO ANYTHING...
TO REVIVE HIM
...WHY?
WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO BY REVIVING HIM?

WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO BY REVIVING HIM?
...I
CRACKLE
CRACKLE

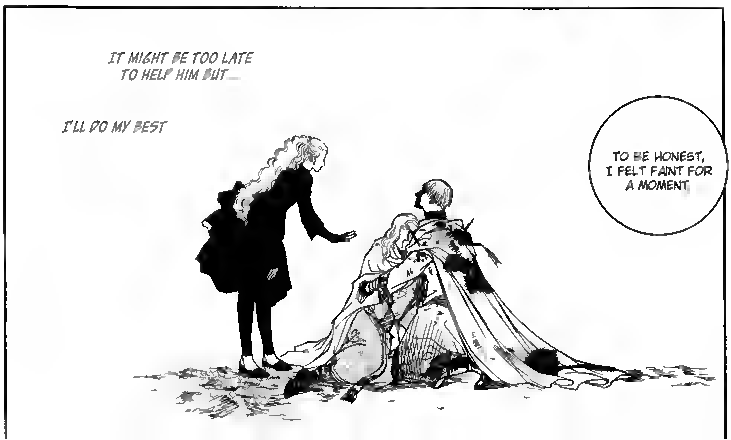
...AM
...MISS MAGICIAN!
? ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?


OH...
I'M SORRY IF MY STORY WAS BORING YOU
NO I'M SORRY
I WAS RECALLING SOMETHING FROM A LONG TIME AGO
...A LONG TIME AGO... YOU SAY HAHA...
I REMEMBER SOMETHING TOO
I REMEMBER THE FIRST TIME I MET YOU
OH BACK THEN
IT HASN'T BEEN THAT LONG BUT IT FEELS LIKE IT'S BEEN YEARS.
STILL, I CAN REMEMBER IT SO CLEARLY...
SIR SALAHAN.

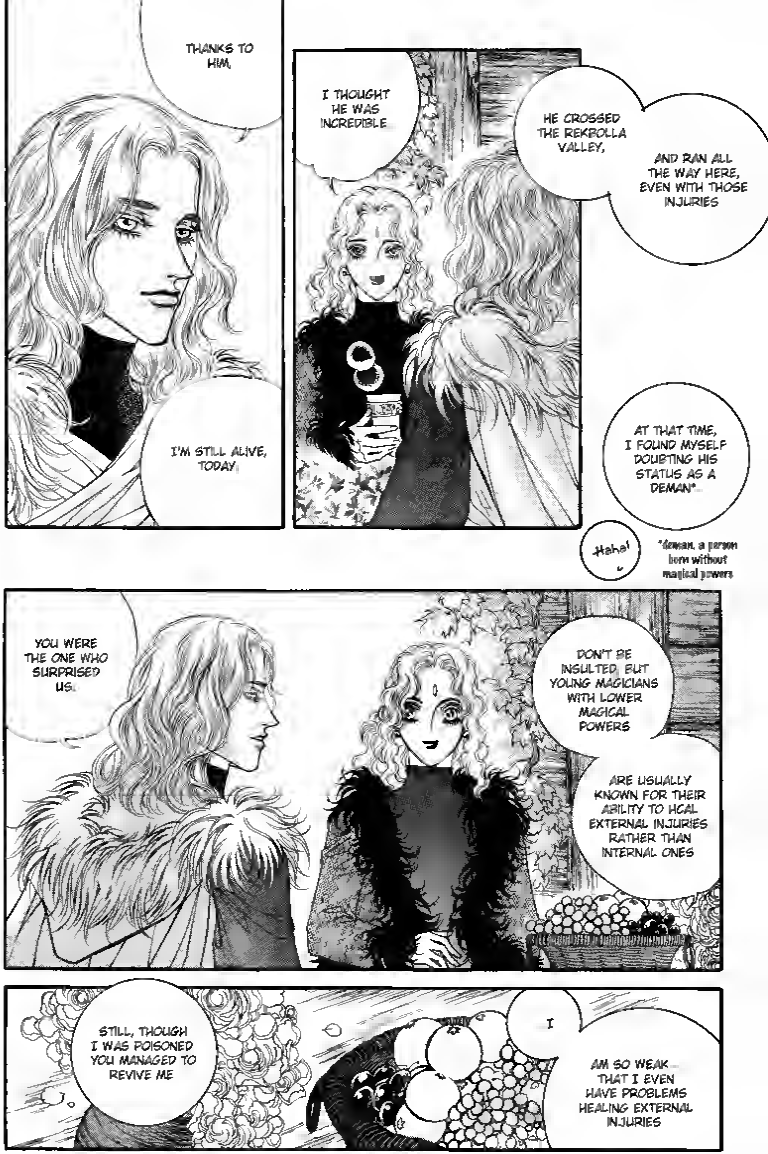

I'M GOING TO TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AROUND THE HOUSE.
THOUGH IT HASN'T BEEN LONG, I BELIEVE THE SNOW WILL STOP SOON.
...DON'T GO TOO FAR MINSHU
YES, SIR
AND PLEASE DON'T BOTHER THE LADY'S DRAGON
.....
FLAP
I THINK THIS EVERY TIME I SEE HIM.
SIR MINSHU SEEMS SO... RELIABLE
HAHA...

HE'S TOO GOOD TO BE KEPT AS A MERE CHANCELLOR'S GUARD
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT? A "MERE" CHANCELLOR...
HE SHOULD BE GUARDING THE KING WITH THOSE SKILLS
HM
THE KING PROBABLY DOESN'T NEED ANY GUARDS
PARDON?
NOTHING IT'S NOTHING
THAT REMINDS ME, SIR MINSHU WAS THE SAME BACK THEN TOO...
THE MOMENT HE SAW ME, HE WENT STRAIGHT UP TO ME AND SAID
HELP HIM!
PLEASE HELP THIS MAN! PLEASE...

READY TO DIE AT THAT TIME
HE LOOKED LIKE A BLOODY GHOUL
HE EVEN THREATENED TO KILL ME IF I COULDN'T HELP YOU...
M-MY, he was very rude...
WELL


IT MIGHT BE TOO LATE TO HELP HIM BUT...
I'LL DO MY BEST
TO BE HONEST, I FELT FAINT FOR A MOMENT

THE MASTER OF THIS HOUSE, THE OLD MAN, HERAKIN, WAS OUT AT THE TIME.
LEAVING ME ALL ALONE...
BACK THEN, THEY...
...THEY HAD NO INTENTIONS OF ACCEPTING MY PEACE PROPOSAL
EVEN FROM THE START, THEY DIDN'T TRUST ME ONE BIT.
BECAUSE OF THAT, I NAIVELY ACCEPTED POISONED WINE
AND MINSHU TOOK ME AND BROKE THROUGH THE CIRCLE OF ASSASSINS
HE LOST HIS LEFT EYE

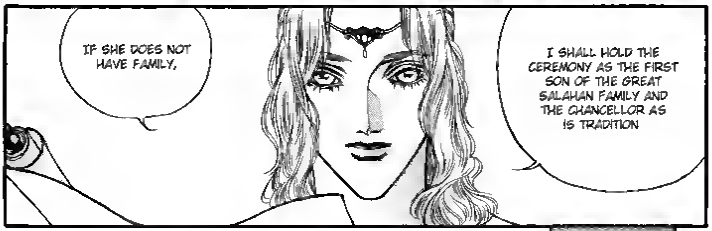

THANKS TO HIM,
I'M STILL ALIVE, TODAY.
I THOUGHT HE WAS INCREDIBLE.
HE CROSSED THE REKPOLLA VALLEY,
AND RAN ALL THE WAY HERE, EVEN WITH THOSE INJURIES
AT THAT TIME, I FOUND MYSELF DOUBTING HIS STATUS AS A DEMAN*...
Haha! ~
*demon, a person born without magical powers
YOU WERE THE ONE WHO SURPRISED US.
DON'T BE INSULTED, BUT YOUNG MAGICIANS WITH LOWER MAGICAL POWERS
ARE USUALLY KNOWN FOR THEIR ABILITY TO HEAL EXTERNAL INJURIES RATHER THAN INTERNAL ONES
STILL, THOUGH I WAS POISONED YOU MANAGED TO REVIVE ME
I
AM SO WEAK... THAT I EVEN HAVE PROBLEMS HEALING EXTERNAL INJURIES

I ACTUALLY LEARNED SOME THINGS FROM A GREAT TEACHER.
AND FORTUNATELY, HE ALSO TAUGHT ME ANTIDOTES.
...SO MR. HERAKIN TAUGHT YOU
AH, NO HE ISN'T A TEACHER.
THAT OLD MAN?
REALLY? SO
DID YOU LEARN FROM ANOTHER TEACHER?
...MISS MAGICIAN?

...A WHILE BEFORE THAT INCIDENT
I HAVEN'T THOUGHT ABOUT HIM...
...PARDON?
OH?
THE SNOWSTORM SEEMS TO BE LETTING UP.
WHOOSH
SEEMS TO LEAVE ONLY WHEN YOU VISIT...
THE MASTER OF THE HOUSE... HER UNCLE.
I AM ALSO
...SHE MUST
SORRY THAT I COULDN'T SEE HIM.
HAVE A STORY SHE CAN'T SHAKE
...SO, ABOUT REA
WHAT HAPPENED TO HER?

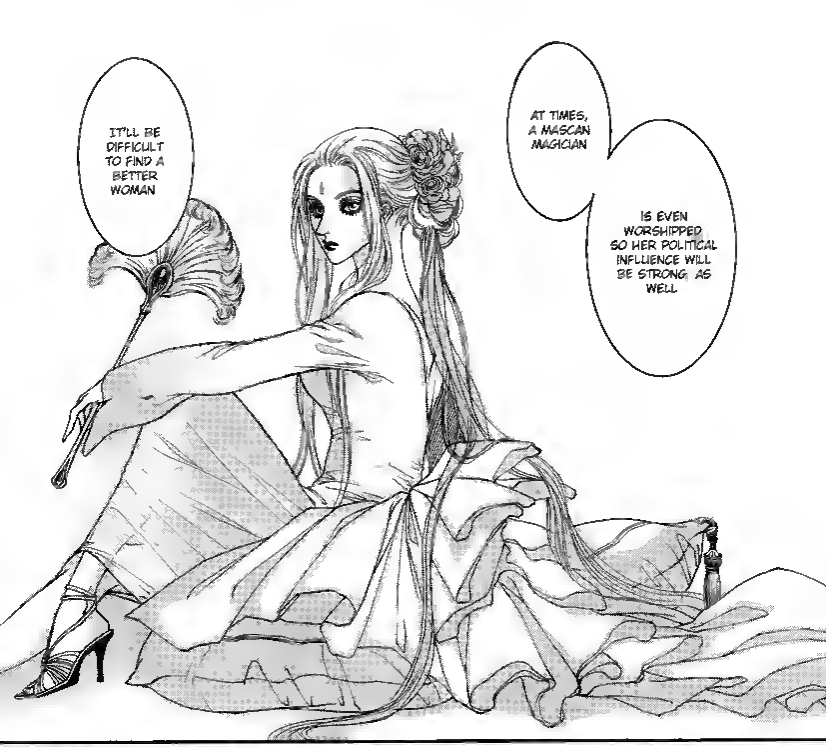
REA...?
AH
OH MY
WE'VE TALKED SO MUCH I'VE FORGOTTEN WHAT I CAME HERE TO TALK ABOUT...
WELL THEN
WHERE SHOULD I BEGIN...?
YOU WANT ME TO TAKE HER AS MY QUEEN?

YES YOUR MAJESTY
HOW ABOUT WE SECURE A GOOD DATE FOR THE MARRIAGE?
THE FESTIVAL OF GODDESS HASS IS COMING UP SOON


IF SHE DOES NOT HAVE FAMILY,
I SHALL HOLD THE CEREMONY AS THE FIRST SON OF THE GREAT SALAHAN FAMILY AND THE CHANCELLOR AS IS TRADITION

DO MY OLD ADVISORS THINK SHE'S APPROPRIATE?
HIS MAJESTY'S VOICE WAS LIKE ICE
OF COURSE, YOUR MAJESTY

SHE'S BEAUTIFUL, GRACEFUL,
AND BOLD,
AND HAS INTELLIGENCE BEFITTING A MAGICIAN


IT'LL BE DIFFICULT TO FIND A BETTER WOMAN
AT TIMES, A MASCAN MAGICIAN
IS EVEN WORSHIPPED SO HER POLITICAL INFLUENCE WILL BE STRONG AS WELL

WHO WAS THE ONE THAT TOLD ME
TO TAKE A WIFE FOR A PERSONAL REASON RATHER THAN A POLITICAL ONE?

DOZENS OF QUESTIONS FLITTED THROUGH MY HEAD IN A SECOND IN THAT MOMENT
BUT I DECIDED TO FOCUS ON HIS MAJESTY'S QUESTION SINCE HE HATED AMBIGUITY
WEREN'T YOU IN LOVE WITH HER?
AT THAT TIME, HIS MAJESTY'S EXPRESSION WAS REALLY INSCRUTABLE
THEY OFTEN MAKE THAT FACE

IT SEEMS AS IF THEY'RE IMPASSIVE OR SAD
THEY?
IT SEEMS LIKE THEY'RE THINKING, BUT AT THE SAME TIME NOT
HIS MAJESTY SPOKE FIRMLY
I REFUSE
WHAT DO YOU MEAN THEY
SO WHAT WAS HIS ANSWER?
I DON'T NEED A QUEEN
THEN
WHAT IF WE PUBLICLY ANNOUNCE HER AS YOUR MISTRESS?

IF THAT WOMAN
WANTS TO REMAIN HERE AS A MISTRESS THEN GO AHEAD

YOUR MAJESTY, I THINK THAT...
WHAT... IS THIS?
GENERAL AIZO WANTS TO RESIGN?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND
HE WAS A GENERAL OF ANISSERRE'S ROYAL GUARD

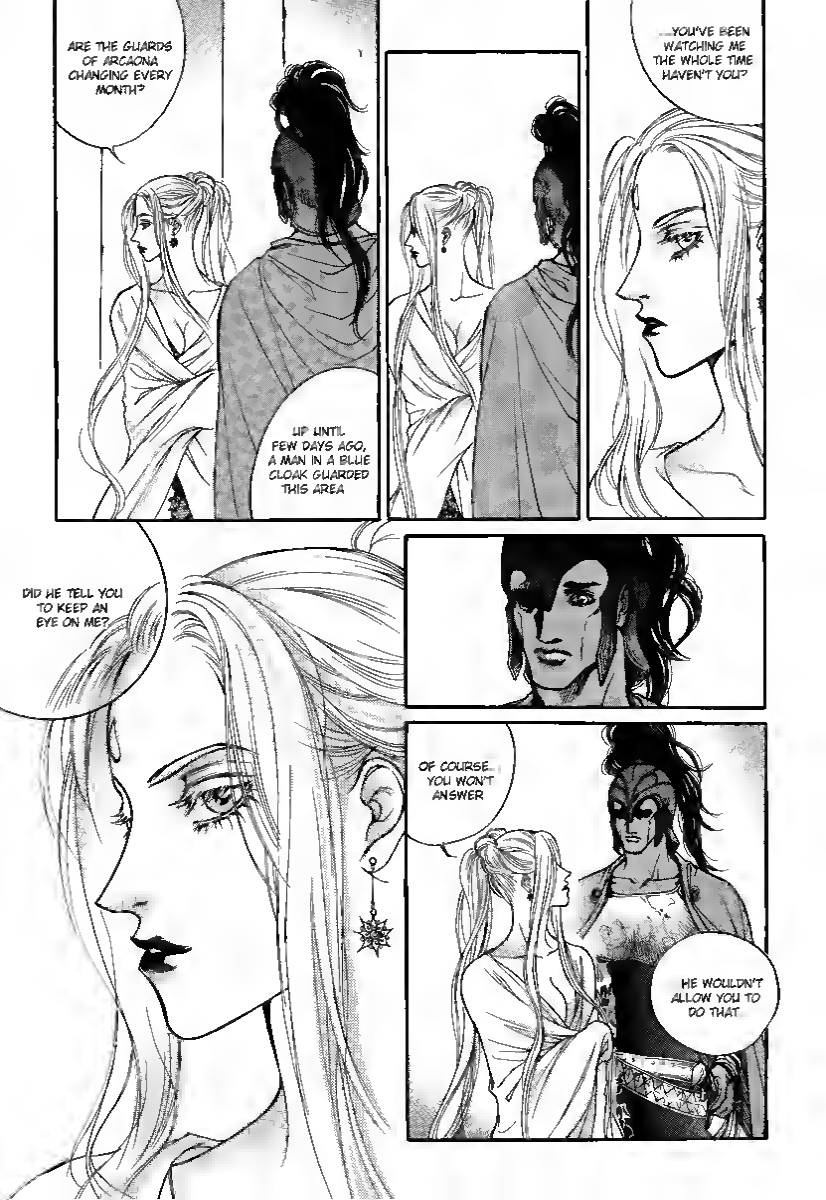
IT WAS NATURAL WITH HIS GREAT MILITARY SKILL AND SUCH A SINCERE, KIND PERSONALITY

HE HAD RECEIVED HIS MAJESTY'S TRUST A LONG WHILE AGO

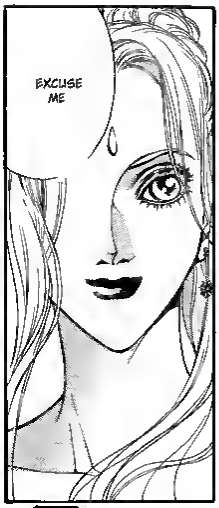
I HAD SECRETLY LEARNED ABOUT HIS REASON FOR QUITTING. SO I...
HESITATED FOR A MOMENT ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT TO TELL HIS MAJESTY
I THINK YOU SHOULD PERMIT HIS REQUEST TO RESIGN

REA WAS THE ORIGIN OF THAT PROBLEM
SHE WAS A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN WITH A BOLD PERSONALITY
PEOPLE OF S'EIKA ORIGINATE FROM A WARRIOR TRIBE AND LIVE BY THEIR OWN STANDARDS FOR GENERATIONS.
THEY HAVE ALWAYS BEEN FREE FROM FOLLOWING SMALL ETIQUETTE
THIS WAS EVEN MORE PRONOUNCED DURING HIS MAJESTY'S REIGN
PALACE ETIQUETTE, SUCH AS COMPLETELY SEPARATING THE KING'S WOMEN AND OTHER MEN WEREN'T TO HIS MAJESTY'S TASTE
THAT WAS THE PROBLEM

OF COURSE HER BEAUTY WAS ALSO A PROBLEM
SHE'S BEAUTIFUL ENOUGH TO SHAKE ANY MAN'S HEART
AT THAT MOMENT, HER WAY OF SPEAKING SO FREELY AND HER STRAIGHTFORWARD PERSONALITY CAME INTO ACTION
JUDGING FROM YOUR CLOAK'S COLOR
YOU MUST BE ONE OF THE CRIMSON ROYAL GUARDS


ARE THE GUARDS OF ARCADNA CHANGING EVERY MONTH?
UP UNTIL A FEW DAYS AGO, A MAN IN A BLUE CLOAK GUARDED THIS AREA
...YOU'VE BEEN WATCHING ME THE WHOLE TIME HAVEN'T YOU?
DID HE TELL YOU TO KEEP AN EYE ON ME?
OF COURSE... YOU WON'T ANSWER
HE WOULDN'T ALLOW YOU TO DO THAT

LADY REA-
...IS IT TIME TO GET READY?
sigh
!
I'M GOING TO BORROW YOUR ARM FOR A MINUTE
...OH...
THE HEEL BROKE
I REALLY LIKED THESE SANDALS...



I BELIEVE HE COULDN'T ALLOW HIMSELF TO FALL IN LOVE WITH THE KING'S WOMAN

IF WHAT I HEARD WAS TRUE...

I THOUGHT IT'D BE BETTER TO SAY NOTHING IN ORDER TO PROTECT HIS HONOR FOR HIM

BUT...

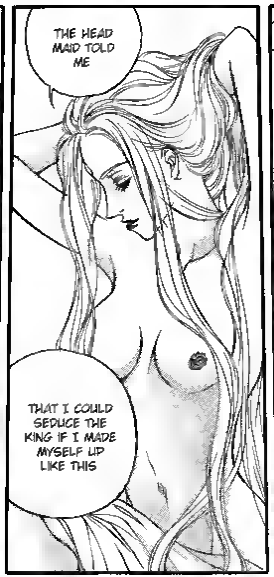
*FLAP
STEP
STEP
STEP

RUSTLE

RAKIN
WHAT A HEART-STOPPING SCENE
YOU HAVE NOTHING ON YOU BUT PERFUME
BANON MUSK ON YOUR BREASTS,
WHITE SANDALWOOD OIL ON HAIR
TAMOLE INCENSE ON YOUR LEGS...
DEAR KING OF SPEIRA. IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER DIPPED
MY WHOLE BODY INTO SCENTED OIL.

I ALWAYS WONDERED WHAT THE KING'S MISTRESSES DID EVERY DAY,
AND NOW I KNOW ONLY TOO WELL

INDEED
YOU SEEM QUITE LAID-BACK


THE HEAD MAID TOLD ME
THAT I COULD SEDUCE THE KING IF I MADE MYSELF UP LIKE THIS

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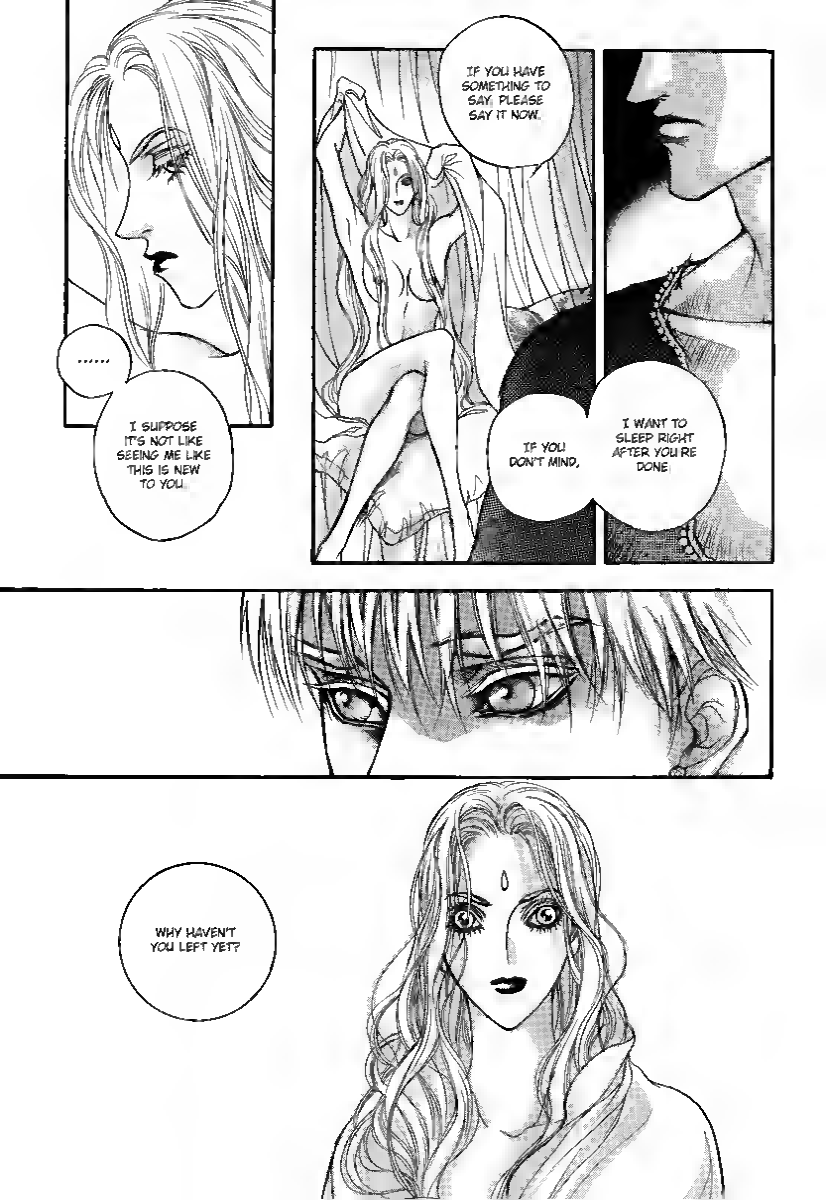
PUT YOUR CLOTHES ON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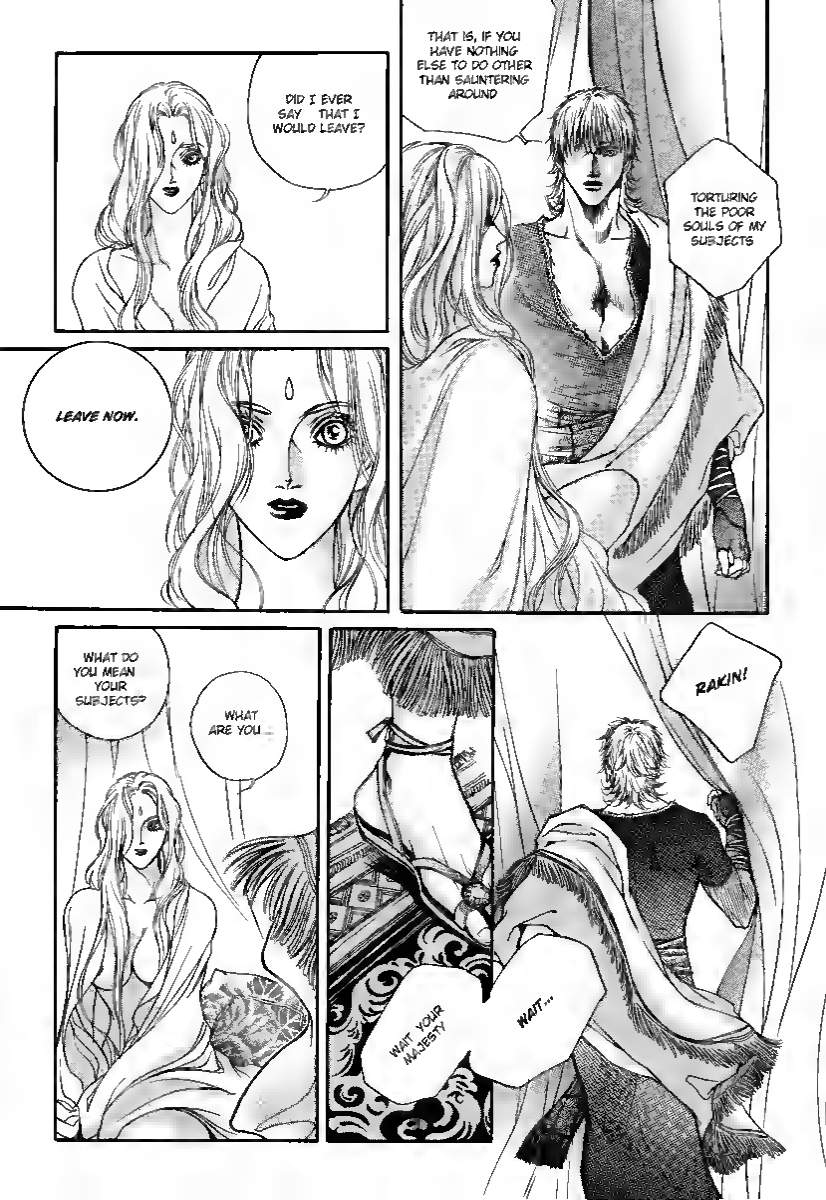
I SUPPOSE IT'S NOT LIKE SEEING ME LIKE THIS IS NEW TO YOU.
IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY, PLEASE SAY IT NOW.
IF YOU DON'T MIND,
I WANT TO SLEEP RIGHT AFTER YOU'RE DONE.
WHY HAVEN'T YOU LEFT YET?


DID I EVER SAY THAT I WOULD LEAVE?
THAT IS, IF YOU HAVE NOTHING ELSE TO DO OTHER THAN SAUNTERING AROUND
TORTURING THE POOR SOULS OF MY SUBJECTS
LEAVE NOW.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOUR SUBJECTS?
WHAT ARE YOU...
RAKIN!
WAIT...
WAIT YOUR MAJESTY

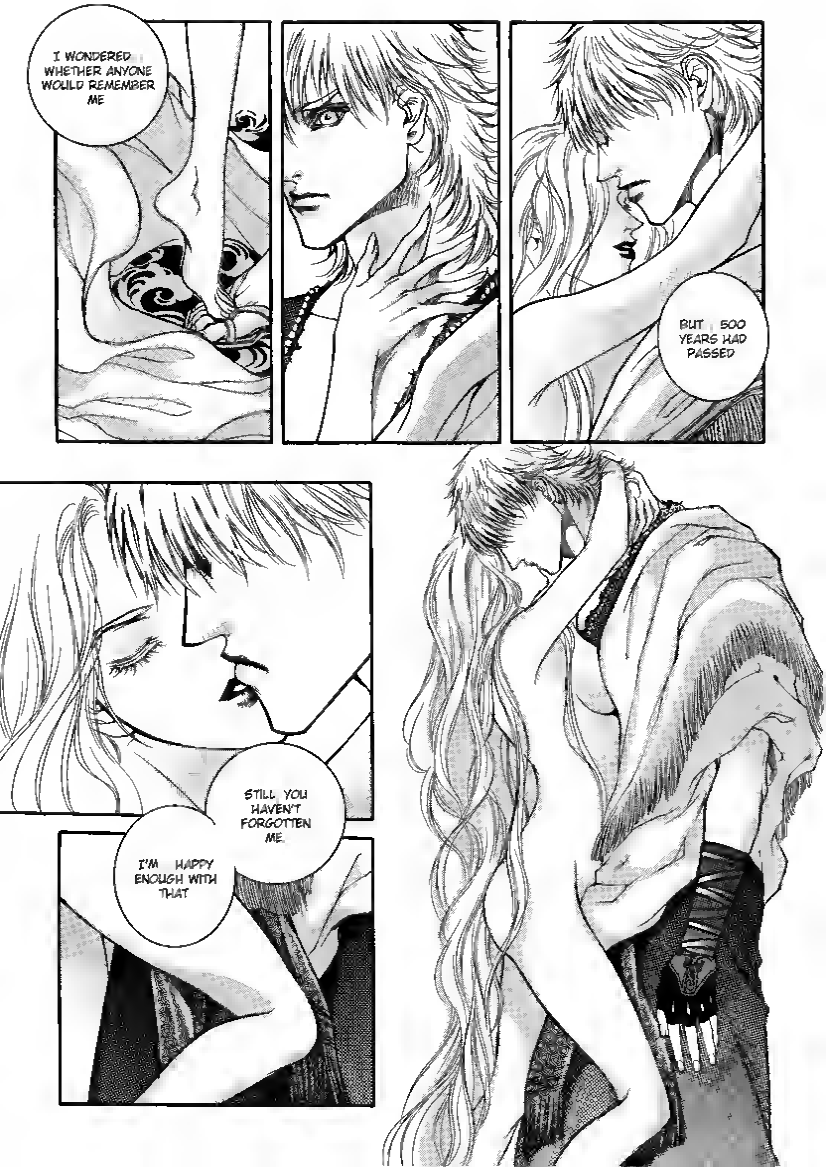
SO YOU DIDN'T LIKE IT FROM THE BEGINNING?
IF YOU WANTED TO THROW ME OUT SO MUCH,
THEN WHY DID YOU MAKE ME THINK THAT I HAD A CHOICE?
INSTEAD OF USING POOR EXCUSES ABOUT YOUR SUBJECTS!
WHY DON'T YOU DO IT YOURSELF?
WHETHER IT IS THE COUNTRY LANDS OF THE SOUTH OR THE ICEBERGS OF THE NORTH,
YOU ONLY HAVE TO SEND ME AWA .

GRAB
OW!
STOP BLABBERING ON
IN HER VOICE, PRETENDING TO BE HER.

Ow!
SHE DIED 500 YEARS AGO! RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME-
STOP BLABBERING LIKE YOU KNOW
THE THINGS ONLY SHE AND I KNOW!
STOP IT!
IT HURTS...
YOU...

YOU
AREN'T HER
DO I
HAVE TO PROVE THAT IT'S ME?
SIGH

I AM BASTIA REA BORN OF ELECTA
I DIED LOVING A BELIAL LIKE AN INSANE WOMAN 500 YEARS AGO,
AND RETURNED HERE AFTER I COMPROMISED WITH DEATH TO MAKE A BETTER CHOICE
RAKIN...
LOOK AT ME.


I WONDERED WHETHER ANYONE WOULD REMEMBER ME
BUT 500 YEARS HAD PASSED
STILL YOU HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN ME.
I'M HAPPY ENOUGH WITH THAT

...IT FEELS LIKE
I'M KISSING A STATUE.
YOU... DON'T SEEM TO BE THE RAKIN I KNOW

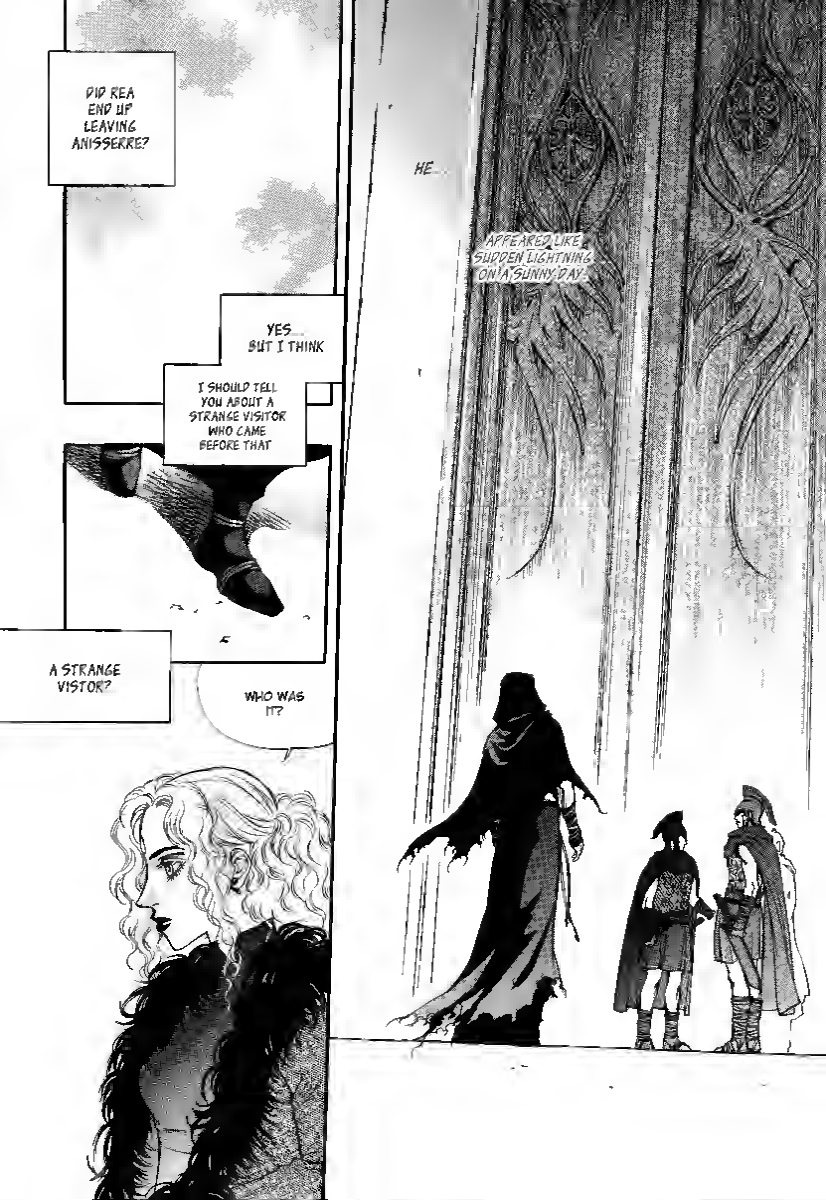
DIDN'T YOU WONDER HOW YOUR BODY,
THAT MUST HAVE ROTTED TO DUST, CAME BACK ALIVE SO PERFECTLY?
SHE... HAD A LITTLE MORE PRIDE...
...AND WAS
CRUELLY COLD TO ME.

SHE WAS
SO BEAUTIFUL THAT IT DROVE ME INSANE
RAKIN
WHAT DID THE HUNTER OF THE DEAD
WANT FROM YOU AS THE PRICE?

PRICE ..?
NO
IT'S NOTHING
THERE WAS NO PRICE
RAKIN
STOP
THIS IS MEANINGLESS
RAKIN!
DO YOU... HATE ME?

YOU... DON'T...
WANT ME TO STAY HERE WITH YOU?
YOU'RE TOO BEAUTIFUL TO HATE...
BUT IT'S DANGEROUS TO KEEP YOU BY MY SIDE...

I DON'T WANT YOU
SO,
GO WHEREVER YOU WANT
THE ARRANGEMENT I MADE FOR THEIR MEETING DID NOT SEEM VERY SUCCESSFUL
IT WAS NAIVE OF ME TO THINK THAT IT WAS ONLY A LOVER'S QUARREL AND THAT THEY ONLY NEEDED TO MEET


DID REA END UP LEAVING ANISSERRE?
YES... BUT I THINK
I SHOULD TELL YOU ABOUT A STRANGE VISITOR WHO CAME BEFORE THAT
A STRANGE VISTOR?
WHO WAS IT?
HE...
APPEARED LIKE A SUDDEN LIGHTNING ON A SUNNY DAY.

AND BROUGHT WINDS OF CHANGE TO OUR RELATIVELY PEACEFUL ANISSEKKE
I CAME TO MEET THE KING OF THIS PLACE.
To be continued...